

# United States Bankruptcy Administrator Southern District of Alabama

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## Vacancy Announcement Announcement #15-01

Position: Bankruptcy Attorney

Location: Mobile, Alabama

Position Type: Full-Time Permanent Position

with a one (1) year probationary period of employment

Starting Salary: (CL30) Begins at \$78,906 - \$97,811 (promotion potential to \$128,223)

Salary commensurate with qualifications, experience, education, and

salary history.

Opening Date: June 17, 2015

Closing Date: Applications must be received by 3:00 p.m. July 6, 2015.

Applications received after that date and time will not be considered.

#### JOB SUMMARY

The Bankruptcy Attorney provides the Bankruptcy Administrator with procedural and substantive legal advice. Bankruptcy Attorneys appear in court on behalf of the Bankruptcy Administrator, review and analyze bankruptcy schedules and pleadings and conduct legal research on issues of bankruptcy law. The Bankruptcy Attorney supervises Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 Trustees, and acts as the presiding officer of Meetings of Creditors held pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §341.

#### REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES

- Represents the Bankruptcy Administrator in legal proceedings.
- ♦ Prepares and tries cases in the U.S Bankruptcy Court, including preparation of pleadings, motions, interrogatories, briefs, and other legal documents.
- Reviews petitions, pleadings, statements, applications, plans, disclosure statements, motions and other documents filed with the court for legal sufficiency and initiates and/or

- recommends appropriate strategy to the Bankruptcy Administrator.
- Performs legal research and prepares memoranda for own use and for the Bankruptcy Administrator.
- ♦ Conducts Meetings of Creditors, 2004 examinations, organizational meetings of creditors committees and intake conferences.
- Provides technical assistance and responds to inquiries of trustees, other fiduciaries, court staff, and the public concerning administrative matters.
- Conducts formal legal education training for trustees and others.
- ♦ Supervises Chapter 7 and Chapter 11 Trustees.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

#### **REQUIREMENTS**

- ♦ Juris Doctor from an accredited law school.
- ♦ Admitted to practice law in the Southern District of Alabama and member in good standing of the Alabama State Bar.
- ♦ Must have superior analytical, research and writing skills and be proficient in computerassisted research (i.e. Lexis and/or Westlaw).
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential.
- ♦ Proficiency with Microsoft Office.
- Must consistently demonstrate sound professional ethics and judgment.
- ♦ Appointment is subject to a satisfactory background investigation and FBI fingerprint check.

### PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- ♦ Knowledge of and experience with Bankruptcy Code and Rules, practice, and procedures.
- ♦ Familiarity with CM/ECF is highly desirable.
- Five years or more experience in the legal field, with Federal Court experience desired.

#### INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

- ♦ Applicant must be a US Citizen or eligible to work in the U.S.
- ♦ The selected applicant will be required to use Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) for payroll deposit of pay.
- Only well suited applicants will be selected for personal interviews. Those selected for interviews should be prepared to provide a self-edited writing sample and professional references.
- ◆ Travel to divisional court location as well as debtor locations throughout the district may be required. Overnight travel, other than for training purposes, will be infrequent.
- Interview and/or relocation expenses will not be reimbursed.

- ♦ Positions in the U.S. Courts are excepted appointments. Court employees are "at will" employees, subject to removal at any time.
- Benefits for applicants include health and life insurance options, flexible benefits program (health, dependent care, parking & mass transit), retirement including Thrift Savings Plan, paid holidays, annual and sick leave accrual.
- ♦ Selected candidate subject to a background investigation and FBI fingerprint check as a condition of employment.
- ♦ Judicial employees are required to adhere to a Code of Conduct.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Qualified applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and AO 78 that details education, work history, related experience, and three year salary history to:

U.S. Bankruptcy Administrator Attention: Human Resources P. O. Box 3083 Mobile, AL 36652

Job Description may be found at <a href="www.alsba.uscourts.gov/drupal/Employment">www.alsba.uscourts.gov/drupal/Employment</a> Application form AO 78 may be found at: <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov/forms/AO078.pdf">http://www.uscourts.gov/forms/AO078.pdf</a>

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